

HB 403

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Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The Montana Code Annotated 2005, 45-5-102, states "(1) A person commits the offense of deliberate homicide if: (a) the person purposely or knowingly causes the death of another human being..." (emphasis mine). The World Net Dictionary defines "human" as: "2. any living or extinct member of the family Hominidae; and 3. having human form or attributes as opposed to those of animals or divine beings." It defines "being" as: "1. [n] a living thing that has (or can develop) the ability to act or function independently" (emphasis, again mine).

It is very evident that the unborn child not only fully qualifies as a human being, but that he/she also has the right to protection under the Montana Code. HB 403 simply allows the voters of Montana to acknowledge these rights if they so choose.

But there are even greater considerations than the protection of little boys and girls, as important as such protection is. Legislation such as this is as critical for our nation as it is for the unborn children.

Do you ever wake up and wonder what happened to the America you were born in? We look around and see road rage, drive-by shootings, suicide, meth epidemics, abortion, rampant sexual perversion, broken families, school-shootings, corruption, apathy....

Fifty years ago we were a nation whose families were, by and large, together. Drug abuse was something that occurred in some distant place. There was concern rather than apathy; and people cared about those around them, including the pre-born and the aged. This incredible change in America is one of the most important reasons to pass this bill.

I don't know how many of you fear or even acknowledge God. I don't know how many of you accept the truth of His Word. But that Word has much to say about the issue here being discussed:

If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works? Proverbs 24:11, 12

Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person.... Deuteronomy 27:25

The Lord hates "hands that shed innocent blood." Proverbs 6:17

And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Isaiah 1:15

We put ribbons on our cars and ask God to bless our troops and to bless America, then we stand by while the "innocent blood" of unborn children is shed in the womb. Ladies and Gentlemen, God is not going to bless America and He is not going to bless our people. He says that what we sow, we will also reap (Galatians 6:8). If fact, He says that if we sow the wind, we will reap

the whirlwind ((Hosea 8:9). We have sown the "wind" of disregard for the lives of our unborn children and we are already reaping the "whirlwind" of disregard for all life, even our own (as the suicide statistics and drug abuse show).

2 Chronicles 7:14 says:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Passage of this bill and its subsequent endorsement by the people of Montana would help to reverse the direction that we as a State and a Nation are headed; and allow God to begin to heal our land. Other states are attempting to begin this process. In 2006 pro-life bills were introduced in Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota and Tennessee. (ABC News, Rose Palazzolo, March 3, 2006)

Please, for the unborn children AND for the people of Montana, consider passing this bill out of committee. Please give the citizens of this state the opportunity to express their through the democratic process.

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